

I am against this petition and believe Morse testing should remain an amateur licensing requirement. I do not believe that proficiency above 13 words per minute should be a requirement. In an emergency, under the poorest of conditions, Morse code is the most reliable mode of communication and only requires the most basic electronic equipment. Removing the Morse requirement will reduce emergency communication to the quality of emergency traffic heard on Citizen Band or Family Band radios. In a true emergency, is it a priority to know where Smokey has set up speed traps? Please do not "Dumb Down" the Amateur Radio Service. Support the high standards that Amateur Radio Operators have set for themselves.